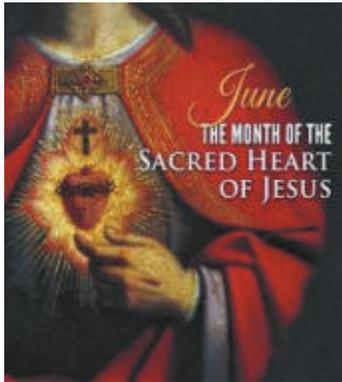


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June 6, 2021

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MASSES

Lord's Day Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m. in the church

Sunday 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. in the church
10:30 a.m. at the parish center

Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

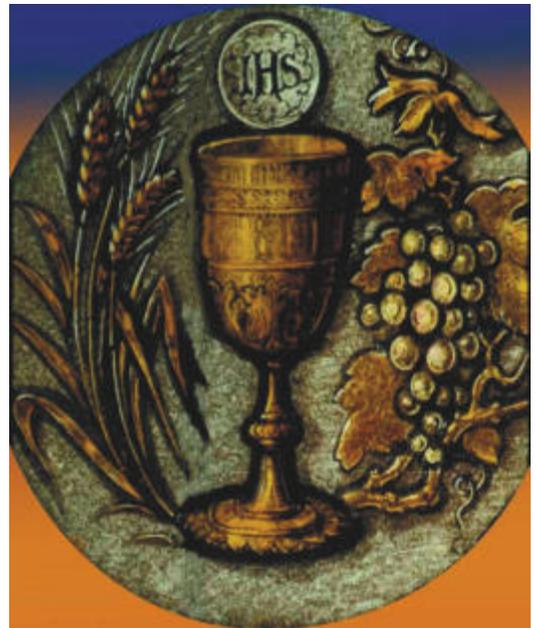
Thursday 5:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m.

or by appointment



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As individuals and families, our mission as the Parish Community of Saint Joseph is to live fully the call of Jesus Christ, to be the People of God by giving witness to the Gospel, passing on our Catholic tradition, strengthening the spiritual life of parishioners and serving those in need. We are committed to being an active, welcoming, and supportive community, proclaiming Christ's teaching through word and deed.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



Saturday, June 5, 2021

4:00PM **Ann R. Cote**
by daughter Judith

Sunday, June 6, 2021

7:00AM **Antoinette Salemmo**
Month's Mind Mass
by her niece

9:00AM **Rita Coughlin**
Anniversary Remembrance
by family

10:30AM **Kathryn Murdock**
by Margaret Hickey

Monday, June 7, 2021

8:00AM **John Kiley**
by Margaret Hickey

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

8:00AM **Louis and Stefania**

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

8:00AM **Bishop George Rueger**

Thursday, June 10, 2021

5:00PM **Francis Lau Van Phan**

Friday, June 11, 2021

8:00AM **People of St. Joseph Parish**

Saturday, June 12, 2021

4:00PM **Butch and Rita Kimball**
by family

Sunday, June 13, 2021

7:00AM **For the Intentions**
of Corrie Hammond
by the Whalen family

9:00AM **Fr. John Barrett**

10:30AM **Francis Lau Van Phan**

Saturday, June 12, 2021

Holy Communion Dorothy Jacques

Lector Patty Bickford

Altar Server Sadie Bickford

Sunday, June 13, 2021

7:00 AM

Holy Communion Jean Ashton

Lector Anna Fleming

Altar Server Al Pastick

9:00 AM

Holy Communion Fred Forrett

Lector Pat Messina

Altar Server Anthony Lloyd

10:30 AM

Holy Communion Dianne Trumbour

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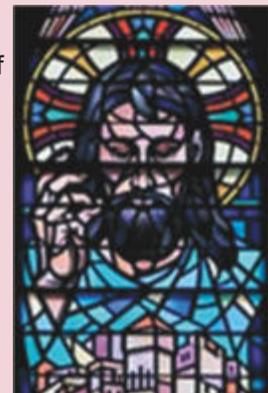
A Prayer in Time of Pandemic

O God, whose Only Begotten Son bore the weight of human suffering for our salvation, hear the prayers of your Church for our sick brothers and sisters and deliver us from this time of trial.

Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son: Be not afraid, for I am with you always.

Bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants; give us the wisdom to do what is right and the faith to endure this hour, that we might gather once again to praise your name in the heart of your Church, delivered from all distress and confident in your mercy.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Join the Parish

Become a member of Saint Joseph Parish. Fill out one of the Parish Enrollment Forms found in the vestibule of the church or on the back table of the parish center. Place it in the mail, deliver it personally, or drop it in the collection basket.



AUBURN, MASSACHUSETTS

A Letter from Bishop McManus ...

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

During this past year so much of our life has moved online, to a “virtual” reality, including Masses streamed from our parish churches. However, as much as technology has helped us to bridge somewhat the pandemic divide, virtual reality remains virtual and is not the same as being present at the celebration of Holy Mass in person. We only have to remember the longing we have felt to be present for a meal with family members or friends for anniversaries, weddings or birthdays. How much we have yearned to see them face-to-face.

It's the same with the Mass. As helpful as it has been to stay connected to our parishes virtually, it is nothing like gathering in person with our brothers and sisters at Sunday Mass. The celebration of the Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives as Roman Catholics. It is where Christ gives himself to us in his Body and Blood. Christ is present at every Mass, in his Word proclaimed, in a tangible way in his Body and Blood and in the person of his priest. He is present to feed us with Word and Sacrament, to embrace us with his love and to give us the grace we need to face the struggles of our daily lives. We hunger for his presence. We draw from the Mass the grace we need to love and we return to it in thanksgiving to God for all he has given to us.

In the early Church, when cruel judges condemned the first Christian martyrs for worshipping God they replied, *Sine dominico non possumus*: “Without the Lord’s day, we cannot live.” With the inspiring words of these martyrs, our beloved Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI reminds us, “the Sunday Eucharist was not a commandment but an inner necessity... Without [Christ], who sustains our lives, life itself is empty.” That is why our hearts ache when we see the pew where a brother or sister used to sit in Church.

We must admit that the great societal change in our world, and especially in New England, has led to profound changes in the relationship of many Catholics with the Sunday obligation of attending Mass. So often Sunday, the Lord’s Day, has been supplanted by “the weekend,” a sort of secular sabbath, a weekly break from work set aside for everything from sports to recreation, from shopping to cleaning the house. Rest is good. Time for family, recreation and catching up on the practicalities of life is good. However, can any leisure activity inspire us to know that we are loved for who we are, or forgiven for our failings or make us stronger as a family? How much more fulfilling our lives would be if we would give our hearts to Sunday Mass and allow the Mass to satisfy them. Christ waits for you, my dear friends. He waits for you to come home with all your brothers and sisters in the Church, to hear his saving Word proclaimed, to join your joys and sorrows to his Holy Cross, and to receive him in Holy Communion, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

As Pope Saint John Paul II wrote, not so many years ago: “Do not be afraid to give your time to Christ!” Yes, let us open our time to Christ, that he may cast light upon it and give it direction. He is the One who knows the secret of time and the secret of eternity, and he gives us “his day” [Sunday] as an ever new gift of his love... Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human. Just think of that. Our attendance at Mass is not “time lost,” but “time gained.” How grateful we now are that we can “gather once again to praise God’s name in the heart of his Church, delivered from all distress and confident in his mercy!” As a community of faith we have been praying for this moment during these many long months of the pandemic. Now our ability to be present personally at Mass is a blessed reality.

With this letter, therefore, I restore the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, effective on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 6, 2021.

Whether you attended Mass every Sunday before the pandemic, or not for many years, I invite you to come home now to Mass, which is “a foretaste of the eternal bliss and repose to which we are called and which we share, even now, in Holy Communion.” (1) Come home to joy. To the God who waits to embrace you with his tenderness and become the joy of your soul. (2) Come home to hope. To hope that in the present moment at Mass, Jesus will change your life by giving you the strength to love. To hope for heaven, where you will “forever enjoy the fullness of the Lord’s glory.” (3) Come home to the Church, to your brothers and sisters, as imperfect and struggling as we all are, but each of us in need of the Lord Jesus, joined together with him through our worthy reception of Holy Communion. Come home to Mass. Christ invites you and so do I, along with your brothers and sisters in the Household of Faith, the Body of Christ, his Church.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain,
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester

- 1) Pope Francis, General Audience, December 13, 2017.
- 2) Cf. Isaiah 61:10.
- 3) Roman Missal, Eucharistic Prayer III.



Sunday, June 6, 2021



Sunday, June 6, 2021

Plumbing School	Noon-8:00PM	Parish Center
Private Event	5:00PM-10:00PM	Parish Center

Friday, June 11, 2021

Coin Club	5:30PM-9:30PM	Parish Center
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Saturday, June 12, 2021

Scouting Awards	Noon-4:00PM	Parish Center
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Sunday, June 13, 2021

Private Event	5:00PM-10:00PM	Parish Center
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Stewardship!!!

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“Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it.” (MARK 14:23)***

Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself to us for our salvation. He offers us the chance to drink from His cup. In the Eucharist, we meet Christ personally and we know what drinking from His cup means - our own sacrifice – giving up some of our time, talent and treasure to do His work on earth.



Did You Know?

How Old Does a Child Need to Be in Order to Stay Alone?

Don't assume that when your child understands what you're saying, he's ready to walk out the door by himself. Besides the fact that many states have laws against leaving children of certain ages alone (for example, younger than 12), experts say children shouldn't be left by themselves until they're capable of fighting off an abductor or handling a crisis situation. Experts also say children do not have the mental maturity to cross busy streets by themselves until they're about 10 or 12 years old. (Did you know that pedestrian injuries rank third in child fatalities, behind traffic accidents and drowning?) Finally, parents who are certain their young children would never walk away with a stranger will be shocked to learn that studies show they probably will. Stay alert and vigilant, even if you believe your child is aware of possible dangers from others. For particular help you may call: Judith Audette, Director of Office for Healing and Prevention at (508) 929-4363

Source: "Know the Rules . . . After-School Safety Tips for Children Who Are Home Alone," www.missingkids.com.

Parish Support

Weekly Goal	\$	7,500
Last Weekend	\$	3,196
Shortfall	\$	(4,304)
Maintenance	\$	-
Debt Redux	\$	100
Year to Date		
Budget	\$	165,000
Collections	\$	92,148
Electronic Payment	\$	4,210
Shortfall	\$	(68,642)

The second collection this weekend is for the **Catholic Communications Campaign.**

The second collection next weekend is for **Maintenance.**

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Remember in your Prayers

- Shirley Connor - Michael Prew - Jim Tobin**
Judith Daniels - Bill Dee - Graceann Dee
Patrick Dee - Elsie Faneuil - Bonnie Lemoine
Cindy Fitzgerald - Sharon Grybowski
Phyllis Hammond - Deborah Johnston
Anne Kirby - Cynthia Young - Steven Chomo
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2021 PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2021 Partners in Charity Appeal. Partners in Charity, formerly known as the Bishop's Fund, is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester serving 28 charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries.

Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization and worship.

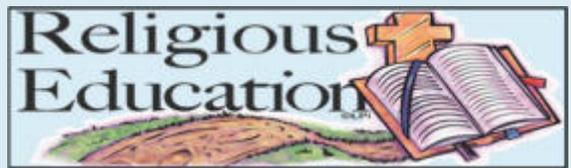
Saint Joseph Parish has reached 66% of our goal of \$60,700.

That is \$39,817 from 138 donors.

If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please prayerfully do so by filling out a commitment pledge envelope in the back of the church near the last pews or at the parish center and returning it in the collection basket, to the church office or by mailing it directly to the Diocesan office on Elm Street in Worcester. Gifts can also be made online at www.partners-charity.net. Thank you!



NEWS FROM



Summer Office Hours

The Religious Education office will be open sporadically during the months of June and July. If you need to come to the center, please email, stjoesreleaub@gmail.com to make an appointment.

There is a drop off box outside of the center for your correspondence or completed registration forms. The box is emptied daily.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if needed.



GIVING THANKS FOR THE SUMMER

Father, creator of all, thank you for summer!
Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.

Thank you for the beauty I see all around me and the opportunity to be outside and enjoy your creation.

Thank you for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to you this summer.

Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of your presence and light my path with your word counsel.

As I enjoy your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for you. Amen

Author Unknown

Food Pantry Reminder...

Next weekend is our monthly food collection. Items most needed are macaroni & cheese, canned soups, tuna, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, and pasta. Food collections will be donated to St. Joan of Arc Food Pantry.



The sympathies of our parish are extended to the family of Joseph Pepper who recently passed away.



Senior Fraud Hotline

RSVP's Senior Fraud Help Line is a toll-free resource for seniors and their families to call when they are concerned that they are being targeted by scammers.

If they are in doubt, they should check it out by calling **1-800-297-9760**. Confidential. Knowledgeable. Local. Supportive.



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Young Adult Weekly Pick-up Volleyball & Hangout



All young adults (ages 18+) are invited to join us for weekly pick-up volleyball at St. Christopher, 950 West Boylston St. in Worcester! Join us every Friday at 6 pm beginning on June 11 through the end of August. These gatherings are very laid back and open to any young adult (regardless of skill level!). If you are looking for a fun way to meet up with other young adults in the area, then

this is perfect for you!

There is no commitment or formal sign-ups but if you would like to receive text or email updates during the summer, feel free to sign up at the following link: www.neworchester.org/young-adult-summer-volleyball.

Summer Youth Worship Nights

All high school youth are invited to attend our Diocesan summer worship nights! The first worship night will take place on Friday June 18 from 7-9pm at Holy Family of Nazareth in Leominster.

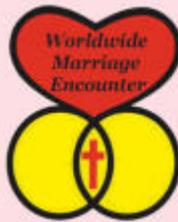
The second will take place on Friday, July 9 from 7-9 pm at St. Luke's in Westborough. These events are open to any incoming freshmen to outgoing seniors. Worship nights include icebreakers, witnesses, praise and worship music, and Eucharistic Adoration! There is NO COST to attend! To sign up a group from your parish go to www.neworchester.org/summer-worship-nights.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is the most precious gift that God has given to each one of us. Allow God to give you grace in abundance and transform your marriage relationship. Sign up today for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on Thursdays/Mondays July 8-29.



*Congratulations
and God's Blessings
to all our
Graduates!!*



Daily Mass, Sunday Mass, Family Rosary

all continue to stream on worcesterdiocese.org, and can be uploaded for automatic updating on eCatholic websites.

Public Access Stations now carrying Masses:

Daily Mass

Worcester Ch 194 "the people's channel"
at 9 am

Auburn Ch 191 at 9 am

Sunday Mass

Worcester Ch 194 "the people's channel"

Spanish Sunday Mass at 8 am and

English Sunday Mass at 10 am (English Sunday Mass replays on Monday at 6 pm)

Auburn Ch 191 Sunday at 10 am



Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish,

You have helped ensure that Auburn Youth and Family Services can continue meeting the needs of children and families in our community through your generous donation of food to the Auburn Youth and Family Services Food Pantry.

We are honored and humbled to continue our service in such a caring community, providing a safety net for children and families that need our program and lack other resources. The direct support we provide includes youth programs, counseling, tutoring services, neighborhood initiatives and distribution of basic necessities like food and clothing. Through these initiatives, AYFS is supporting and strengthening our communities.

Your donation of food ensures that those individuals, children and families who need us – our families, our neighbors, our friends – continue to have a place to go for help.

Sincerely,
Sally D'Arcangelo
Executive Director, AYFS

Camp and Retreat for Catholic HS age young men



Quo Vadis Days is a four-day overnight retreat and camp June 24 - 27 for young Catholic men of high school age, those entering high school through recent graduates of high school sponsored by the Diocese of Worcester and the Archdiocese of Boston. It serves to connect them to other young men striving to live lives of virtue, to deepen their faith, learn more about what it means to be a Catholic man in our world today (whether single, parent, or priest), and better discern God's call in their lives. This event will be both prayerful and a lot of fun, with everything from epic capture the flag games to daily Mass.

For more information,

<https://www.quovadisboston.com>

Financial aid is available for those who need assistance.
**For more information contact Fr. Donato Infante,
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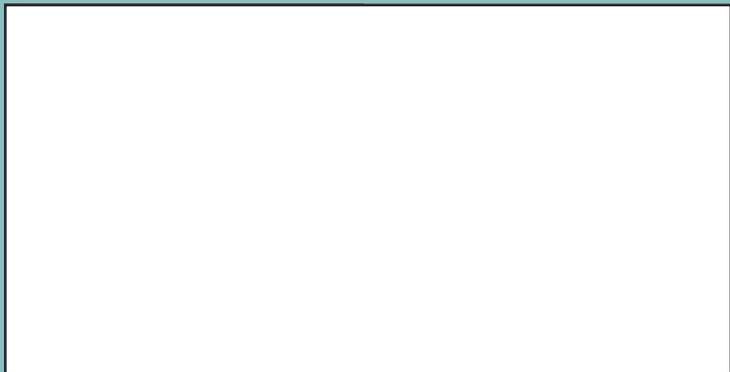
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